GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:16
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2008
EIGHTY SIXTH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
Chandrappan Shri C.K.;Reddy Shri Suravaram Sudhakar

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Eighty-sixth Constitutional Amendment regarding Right to Education has not yet been enforced though it was enacted five years ago;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by when it is likely to be enforced?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a)to(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 16 FOR ANSWER ON 26TH FEBRUARY, 2008 ASKED BY SHRI C.K.CHANDRAPPAN AND SHRI SURAVARAM SUDHAKAR REDDY REGARDING EIGHTY-SIXTH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

(a)to(c): The Constitutional (Eighty-sixth) Amendment Act, 2002 notified on 13th December, 2002, inserts Article 21A in the Constitution, which provides that "the State shall provide free and compulsory education to all children of the age of six to fourteen years in such manner as the State may, by law, determine". Section 1(2) of the 86th Constitutional Amendment Act provides that 'it shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint'.The notification has not yet been issued pending enactment of the consequential legislation envisaged under Article 21A. The matter is under consideration of the government.